


# Hay Shire Council Policy



<b>Title of Policy</b> <b>This applies to</b>	Water Supply – Water Connection Policy		
	New Developments and new Connections to Councils Water Reticulation System		
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<b>Legislation, Australian Standards, Code of Practice.</b>	The Local Government Act 1993 S552 The Local Government Act 1993 S64 Local Government (Water Services) Regulation 1999 Section 306 (3)(C) of the Water Management Act 2000		
<b>Related Policies/Procedures</b>	Water Supply – House Service Connections		
<b>Attachments</b>			
<b>Aim</b>	To provide guidelines for connecting to the Hay Water Reticulation system.		
<b>Version</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>	
1	Initial Issue	January 2014	
2	Review	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	
<b>Superseded Policies</b>			
<b>The Policy</b>			

## OBJECTIVE

To formalise conditions relating to all new developments and connections to the water reticulation systems within the Hay Town Improvement Area.

To outline the Developer Service Charge for new developments and connections to the water reticulation systems within the Hay Town Improvement Area.

## POLICY

### PROPERTIES WITH EXISTING CONNECTIONS

Properties with existing connections and which have been paying the annual availability charge are not liable for either capital contributions to new mains constructed which service the property or headworks charges

### PROPERTIES WITHOUT EXISTING CONNECTIONS BUT WHO ARE LIABLE FOR THE WATER ACCESS CHARGE (I.E. ARE WITHIN 225M OF WATER MAIN)

#### a) Connection to Existing Main

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- If the property lies in an area where the Council does not intend on running a water main, or it is not feasible to run a water main, the applicant may connect a water meter at the terminus of the existing water main and run a private line to the property.

**b) Main Extensions**

- If the property lies on a road where Council intends to extend a future water main the property owner must contribute to the extension of the existing water main.
- The applicant must meet their share of the cost of the water extension. For example, if an extension will potentially service the applicant's property and two other properties then the applicant will be required to pay one third of the cost of the extension. Council will re-coup the remaining cost from the other two properties when they apply for connection in the future.
- A rebate of up to 5 years previously paid availability charges will apply to properties contributing to the extension.
- Normal charges for connection to the mains (water meter connection, headworks charge) will be met by property owners.
- Owners of properties able to connect to Councils water system as a result of the extension will be advised of their obligation to pay a proportion of the cost of the extension when making application to connect. The cost will be adjusted by the annual CPI up to the time of connection.
- The apportioned cost of other properties will be shown on the Section 149 Certificate at the completion of the main extension.
- Funding of mains extensions will be from the water supply annual budget allocation.
- The contribution made by each property owner may be per Equivalent Tenement (ET) if applicable.

**PROPERTIES CURRENTLY NOT LIABLE TO THE WATER ACCESS CHARGE (I.E. ARE MORE THAN 225M FROM WATER MAIN)**

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- 4      **PROPERTIES CONNECTIONG TO A NEW MAIN CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF COUNCIL’S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**
- Properties within 225m of the new water main become liable to the annual water availability charge once the water main has been constructed.
  - Property owners who wish to connect must pay meter connection charges and headworks charge prior to connection.
  - Property owners which were previously connected from another main and have been paying usage and availability charges in the past will have their meters moved to the new water main adjacent to their property
1.      **PROPERTIES WITHIN NEW SUBDIVISIONS**
- The developer is to construct the water service mains to Council’s specifications
  - The developer must pay the meter connection charges and the applicable headworks charge prior to connection.
  - If the property had an existing connection prior to subdivision, existing rights apply and the meter shall be moved to a location to service one of the new lots within the subdivision.
2.      **HEADWORKS CHARGES**
- Developer service charge of \$xxx per ET, for all new developments or new properties connecting to the water reticulation system, as outlined in this policy.

**Notes:**

- Water connections outside the Hay Town Improvement Area are at Councils discretion.
- Council allows a \$200 discount on connection costs if a rain water tank is installed

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